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Dear Sir:

I resent your statement that people often flagellate themselves for terrible things they have done in the past. 'People' have done nothing. It is the Nixons, Agnews, illegal contributors, bribers, C.I.A. etc. that have done the terrible things. Don't try to push it off on 'THE PEOPLE'.

Have you ever been one of the people? Have you ever had a job? Or, has your entire adult life been spent in the military? I call that a career of sophisticated welfare. A general receives a tremendous salary, can retire on a pension larger than many people earn in 10 years, and, then they can get another government job. All this - at the people's expense. The government medical care (like what all people receive in Russia and China ~~and~~) isn't bad, is it?

You say that truth or untruth about the C.I.A. including planned demise of unfriendly foreign leaders IS NOT THE ISSUE. That is the only issue. Who decides who is unfriendly? This is not Russia or Germany. We have a constitution; the Gestapo does not run this Nation. While we are guarding our front door from the communists perhaps something worse will come in the rear door. It almost happened recently, too.

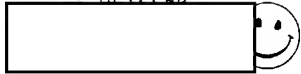
We will never have to choose between abject humiliation and nuclear blackmail. We (people) have already suffered both. To murder or even plan it is criminal and Ford's demand for mandatory jail sentence should be given whether it be me or a C.I.A. agent, or you.

Sincerely Yours

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